6/27/68

Dear Paul,

Leaving for N.O. in a.m. Plan return 7/15. Please tell Hal.

If I haven't already put you and Dick Bernabei in touch, I have suggested he write you about some interests and suspicions he has and about the Randle bit.

Started to write a series of articles over the weekend. In the three days parts of which I could work on it I did what is now a short book, 30-35,000 words. Tentative Title, COUP D'ETAT: I ACCUSE THE CIA. Don't know how good it is. Weaving three assassinations and some NSRP stuff together (by the way, no record "National Leader's" 11/27/63 arrest in Archives).

Nothing else really new except that the intended blackmail by Bringuier in his frivolous suits may be close to a payoff. Behind my back Canyon had almost made a deal and may yet. If Bringuier hadn't been greedy I'd have been facedwith a fair accompli. He asked for $1,000 besides the withdrawal of the book. Canyon is thinking only of the cost of defending the action. But they would not pay the $1,000. That delayed it long enough.

Of course, such a move would be very embarrassing to everyone, particularly Jim. And especially because Bringuier does not even cite a factual error -and there is none. It would hurt me, seriously, and I have so informed Canyon. They say they will not settle without at least informing me and will do nothing to hurt. My blunt response is that they then cannot settle under any terms for the other side will hippodrome this from coast to coast if they do.

I'm grateful for a blabbermouth on the other side! Without it we would have learned on reading the headlines. I had other indications, but too general for me to have doped it out. Only that Uncle was readying something against me. That may be something else. It is about time, I guess.

I'd appreciate copies of the Drennan stories, if you have them. I know the hearing was yesterday. I also hear that the original judge in the case in the LA area is a very good friend of Joe Ball.

Best to all,